

Senate Resolution No. 16

Introduced by Senator Leno

Relative to World Kidney Day

WHEREAS, Thirteen percent of all Californians, more than four million persons, have some form of kidney damage; and

WHEREAS, Every year thousands of Californians die prematurely of cardiovascular diseases linked to Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD); and

WHEREAS, Developing progressive loss of kidney function leads to kidney failure and the need for dialysis or transplantation, and possibly death from associated cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, Individuals who appear to be healthy who are found to have CKD have their risk of dying prematurely from coronary disease, cerebrovascular disease, peripheral artery disease, or heart failure increased by tenfold regardless of whether they develop kidney failure or not; and

WHEREAS, More than 45,000 people in California are currently kept alive through dialysis or transplantation; and

WHEREAS, The number of people in California who are currently kept alive through dialysis or transplantation is expected to double within the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, The total cost of dialysis treatment for patients in California costs more than \$2.9 billion each year; and

WHEREAS, CKD screening must become a priority for individuals considered to be at high risk for kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, Individuals considered to be at high risk for kidney disease include those with any of the following risk factors: diabetes, hypertension, obesity, smoking, being over 50 years of age, or having a family history of diabetes, hypertension, or kidney disease; and

WHEREAS, World Kidney Day increases public awareness of the health crisis associated with CKD; and

WHEREAS, World Kidney Day calls attention to the crucial role of kidneys and the pressing need for early detection and prevention of kidney disease; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate recognizes March 12, 2009, as World Kidney Day; and be it further

Resolved, That the Senate recognizes the important role World Kidney Day plays in helping health care professionals, kidney patients and their families, and patient advocates in their efforts to stress the importance of early screening and detection of CKD; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Senate Resolution No. 16 read and adopted by the Senate March 12, 2009.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate